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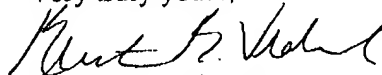
Dear Examiner Audet:

Further to our November 14 telephone conversation, enclosed are amendments to pages 1-3 in the specification of U.S. Application No. 09/889,178. Apparently, when the National Stage of the PCT application was filed on July 12, 2001, the IPER amended pages were not included. Thus, an English-language translation of the amended pages was filed on August 21, 2001. However, the translator incorrectly translated pages 1-3 instead of pages 1 and 3 as evidenced by the enclosed copy of the French-language IPER and amended pages 1 and 3. The basis for the IPER is set forth on page 2, under the section entitled "Description, pages." The IPER was based on specification pages 2 and 4-25 as originally filed and pages 1 and 3 as amended on March 5, 2001.

As we discussed yesterday, if it is possible to correct application pages 1-3 by Examiner's Amendment, you have the authorization to do so. To assist you, as noted above, the necessary amendments to pages 1-3 are enclosed. The amendments do not introduce new matter into the specification because they are supported by the specification as filed on July 12, 2001, and by the French-language IPER and amended pages 1 and 3.

Please contact us if you have any questions or require additional information.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosures: Amendments to specification pages 1-3  
French-language IPER (2 pages)  
French-language amended pages 1 and 3  
Specification pages 1-3 as originally filed on July 12, 2001